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Universal Prayer To St. Ann

Glorious and holy queen, whom the heavens admire, whom the saints honor, and the earth reveres, God the Father loves thee as the mother of His beloved daughter; the Son of God loves thee for having given Him a mother, from whom He took His life and became Savior of mankind; the Holy Ghost loves thee for having given to Him so beautiful, so worthy, and so perfect a spouse; the angels and the elect honor thee as the mother of their sovereign; the just, the penitent, and the sinner consider thee their powerful advocate before God, for by thy intercession the just hope for an increase of grace, the penitent for their justification, and sinners for the remission of their sins. Be then, kind and generous, and while we invoke thee here below pray for us in heaven. Use in our favor the great influence thou hast before God, and permit not that those who know thee be lost. Show thyself always the refuge of sinners and the asylum of the guilty, the consolation of the afflicted, and give us the pledge of thy kindness. Defend our cause now and at the hour of our death. This we pray of thee by all the love which thou hast for Our Lord and for

His Mother, thy daughter, that thus sustained by thy prayers we may one day possess eternal life Amen.

Prayer

Holy Saint Ann, my glorious patron, behold me humbly prostrate at thy feet, to honor thee and implore thy help, in order to obtain by thy intercession from Jesus, the dear Son of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, thy most beloved daughter, the graces necessary for my sanctification in the state of life in which providence has placed me.

Obtain for me, I beseech thee, a holy fear of God, that I may never offend Him by sin; a tender and solid piety that I may always fulfill with fervor all my Christian duties; patience in sickness, and in the daily trials of life, that they may be for me an abundant source of merits. Plant in my heart that lovely charity that will enable me to forgive all and suffer everything for the love of God. Remove from me everything dangerous to my soul, and strengthen me that, encouraged by thy example, I may be an edifying wife and a good mother, and that I may serve God with fidelity, loving him above all things.

Since I am prostrate at thy feet for help, permit me, O, good patroness, to speak to thee in behalf of those who are dear to me. Guard with thy protecting hand the days of my husband, and preserve his health. Grant that he may serve God with fidelity, never having the misfortune to fall into those sins which degrade man and ruin families and immortal souls. Oh, that he may keep the faith and be a model to his children by his

exemplary piety, his sweetness and his love of religion.

God has given me children that I may bring them up in his service and for his glory, as thou didst bring up the Virgin Mary. Thou knowest, O, great saint, that I need assistance to fulfill this glorious and all important mission. I confide my children to thee; preserve their innocence and purity of heart, in order that, like thy Holy Daughter, they may be docile and obedient; that they may love and serve God, and never lose his holy fear; that their lips may never utter a lie, and that sweetness and charity may always animate their lives.

Before ending my prayer, I ask thee, O Good and Holy St. Ann, to preserve my family in union and in peace, procuring for it all the blessings and helps necessary for its welfare. My confidence in thee is unbounded. I hope to obtain all I have prayed for, relying on thy tenderness and thy great power with Mary and Jesus, Amen.

Litany of St. Ann (For private devotion)

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, daughter of St. Ann, *Pray for us.*

St. Ann, Mother of the Mother of God,
St. Ann, Chaste spouse of St. Joachim,
St. Ann, mother of the poor,
St. Ann, daughter of the patriarchs,
St. Ann, honor of thy spouse, St. Joachim,
St. Ann, glory of the house of David,
St. Ann, mirror and pattern of married women,
St. Ann, model of all virtues,
St. Ann, refuge of all that invoke thee,

Pray for us.

Be merciful, *spare us*, O Lord.

Be merciful, *graciously hear us*, O Lord.

From thy wrath,
From the violation of thy holy law,
From the sins of the tongue,
From impatience and faintheartedness in our
afflictions,

From everlasting death,
Through the intercession of St. Ann,
Through her long enduring trials,
Through her constant patience,
Through her charity toward the poor,
Through her firm faith,
Through her unshaken confidence,
Through her ardent love of God,
Through her conjugal purity,
Through her magnanimous offering of her
holy child,

Through the grandeur of her wonderful
maternity,

Through the great merits of her good
works,

Through the magnificence of her glory,
Through the holiness and power of her
highly blessed daughter,

Through all that makes her pleasing in
thy sight,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners,
 That thou wouldst inflame our hearts
 with divine love,
 That thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve
 us in thy holy service,
 That thou wouldst help us to conquer
 our evil inclinations,
 That thou wouldst grant us the virtues
 of good Christian mothers,
 That thou wouldst assist us in the Christian
 education of our children,
 That thou wouldst rescue the children who
 have gone astray and protect such
 as are in danger,
 That thou wouldst grant us patience in our
 crosses and tribulations,
 That thou wouldst preserve our souls
 and bodies from evil,
 That thou wouldst help us in our present
 necessities,
 That thou wouldst conduct us to eternal
 life,
 That after this life thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to receive us into the company
 of the Blessed,

We beseech Thee hear us.

Son of God, *graciously hear us*
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
 the world, *spare us, O Lord.*
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
 the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
 the world, *have mercy on us, O Lord.*

V. Pray for us, O Blessed St. Ann

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises
 of Christ.

Let Us Pray

O Almighty and Eternal God, who didst vouchsafe to choose St. Ann to bring into the world the Mother of thy only Son; mercifully grant to us, we beseech thee, who devoutly honor her memory, grace to obtain, through her merits, the blessings of eternal life. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Prayer to St. Ann

Beloved of Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Mother of the Queen of Heaven, take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy special care. Obtain for us the virtues thou didst instill into the heart of her who was destined to become the Mother of God, and the graces with which thou wast endowed. Sublime model of Christian womanhood! pray that we may imitate thy example in our homes and families. Listen to our petitions, and grant our requests. Guardian of the infancy and childhood of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain the graces necessary for all who enter the marriage state, that imitating thy virtues they may sanctify their homes, and lead the souls entrusted to their care to eternal glory. Amen

Prayer to St. Ann

O glorious St. Ann, whom the Holy Church proposes as a model of Christian women, we come on this day to place ourselves under thy powerful protection. We promise that henceforth we will be more faithful in observing all our duties; we will, particularly, do all in our power to raise our children in a true fear and love of God, and, above all, to give them an example of all the virtues we wish them to practice. We also promise to help youth who have lost, or who are in danger of losing the precious gift of faith. It is through thy intercession, O great saint, that we hope to obtain the graces necessary to fulfil that promise. Pray for us, then, O holy patroness, so that, after having followed the example of many holy saints who have sanctified themselves and their families in the same state of life, we may, like them, one day be admitted to thy holy society in heaven. Amen.

Prayer to St. Ann

(To obtain some special favor)

Glorious St. Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke thee and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee to take the present affair which I recommend to thee under thy special protection. Vouchsafe to commend it to thy Daughter, our

Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Cease not to intercede for me until, through divine mercy, my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face, and with thee and Mary and all the saints praising and blessing Him for all eternity. Amen.

Good St. Ann, mother of her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to her for us and obtain our request. (Three times.)

Prayer to St. Ann

With deep and heartfelt veneration I prostrate myself before thee, O glorious St. Ann! Thou art that creation of privilege and predilection, who through thy extraordinary virtues and sanctity, wast worthy to receive from God the supreme grace of giving life to the treasure-house of all graces, blessed among women, Mother of the Word Incarnate, the most holy Virgin Mary. Deign, therefore, O most compassionate saint, for the sake of this lofty privilege, to receive me into the number of thy true followers, for such I protest I am and desire to remain so long as I may live. Surround me with thy powerful patronage, and obtain for me from God the grace to imitate those virtues with which thou wast so abundantly adorned. Grant that I may know and bitterly lament my sins. Obtain for me a most lively affection for Jesus and Mary, and fidelity and constancy in the practice of the duties of my state. Pre-

serve me from every danger in life, and assist me in the moment of my death, so that, safe in paradise, I may unite with thee, most Blessed Mother, in praising the Word of God made man in the bosom of thy most pure Child the Virgin Mary. Amen.. (Pater, Ave, Gloria, thrice—300 days, once a day. Leo XIII Mar. 20, 1886)

Prayer to St. Joachim

O great and glorious patriarch, St. Joachim, how I rejoice to think that thou wast chosen from among all the saints to co-operate in the Divine mysteries, and enrich the world by bestowing on it the great Mother of God, most Holy Mary! By this singular privilege thou hast become so powerful with the Mother and the Son as to obtain whatever graces may be necessary for us. With great confidence, then, I have recourse to thy most powerful protection, and I commend to thee all the wants of my family, both spiritual and temporal, as well as my own; and especially I appeal to thee for the particular grace which I desire and expect from thy paternal intercession. And since thou wast a perfect model of the interior life, obtain for me interior recollection and a distaste for the fleeting goods of this earth, with a lively and persevering love of Jesus and Mary. Obtain for me, too, devotion and sincere obedience to Holy Church, and to the Supreme Pontiff who governs her, so that I may live and die in faith, hope and perfect charity, invoking the most holy names of Jesus and Mary, and may save my soul. Amen.

(Pater, Ave, Gloria, thrice—300 days, once a day—Leo XIII Mar. 20, 1886.)

Hymn

To St. Ann, Mother of the Blessed Virgin
For her feast on the 26th of July

Spotless Anna! Juda's glory!
Through the Church from East to West,
Every tongue proclaims thy praises
Holy Mary's Mother blest!

Saintly kings and priestly sires
Blended in thy sacred line;
Thou in virtue, all before thee
Didst excel by grace divine

Link'd in bonds of purest wedlock,
Thine it was for us to bear,
By the favor of High Heaven,
Our eternal Virgin Star.

From thy stem in beauty budded
Ancient Jesse's mystic rod;
Earth from thee received the Mother
Of the Almighty Son of God.

All the human race benighted
In the depths of darkness lay;
When in Ann it saw the dawning
Of the long expected day.

Honor, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son!
With the Father and the Spirit
While Eternal ages run.

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